

## **DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY**

July 15, 2022

Mr. Steven Horton  
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Walpole, NH 03608

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-014-21con, North Country Hospital, Construction and Renovation Project Involving the In-Patient Department, Emergency Department, Lab Department, OT/PT/ST Department and Access and Canopies. Total Project Cost: \$27,898,176.**

Dear Mr. Horton:

Thank you for your responses to the fifth set of questions for the above reference project. Please respond to the questions below.

1. NCH has represented that from 2019 to 2021, labs increased 20% or increased 12% when factoring out Covid related labs. Please confirm whether or not the additional revenue associated with the increase in labs performed in-house in 2020, 2021, and 2022 are reflected in the financial tables submitted. If not, please explain.
2. In addition, please confirm whether or not the revenue associated with the additional labs you are considering bringing in-house (gastrointestinal, GC/Chlamydia, Hepatitis, HIV, Vitamin D, Lyme) are reflected in the financial tables submitted for projected years 2023, 2024, and 2025. If not, please explain.
3. Will the reimbursement rates change for labs brought in-house? Please explain how this is anticipated to affect a patient's cost of care.

In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send an electronic copy to me at [donna.jerry@vermont.gov](mailto:donna.jerry@vermont.gov) and one hard copy (three-hole punched) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 144 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.



Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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cc. Laura Beliveau  
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